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Sir

In response to the outstanding Ex parte Quayle Action of November 23, 2009, in which a two-month period for response was set to expire on January 25, 2010 (January 23, 2010, being a Saturday), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment to allowance in view of the berein-contained remarks:

 $\label{lem:members} \textbf{Amendments to the Claims} \ \text{begin on page 2 of this Response}.$

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.